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Monghoog, April & 1896,

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1896.

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LONDON vid S'HAI, N'SAKI. LONDON, &c..... Pekin\*......J. F. JEPHSON......Noon, 7th May. JAPAN......Noon, 8th May.

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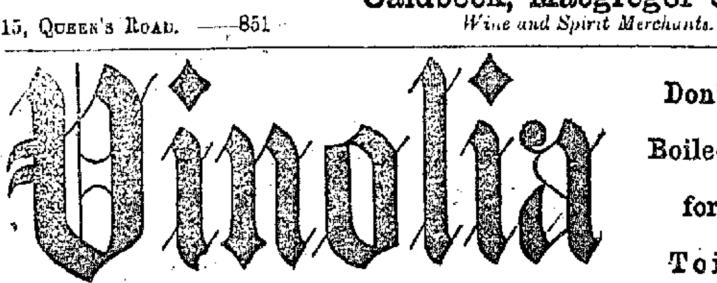
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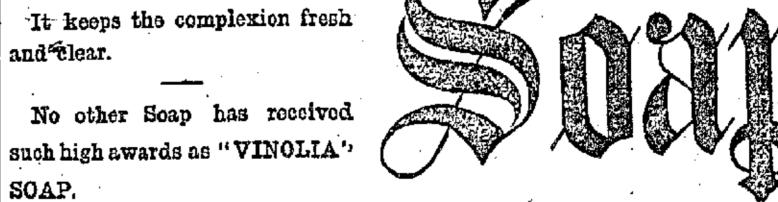
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NOTICE.

Special SESSION of Her Majesty's JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the Justices' Room, at the Magistracy, at 2.30 o'clock in the Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 5th day of May, A.D. 1896, for the purpose of considering an application from one WM. KRATER for the Transfer of his Publican's Licence to soll and retail Intexicating Liquors on the Premises situate at House No. 290, Queen's Jo Rand Central, under the sign of 'THE CUSTOM HOUSE, ROSE, SHAMBOCK AND THISTLE HOTEL,' to Kowloon, 300 one Wolffe Friedmann.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1896. NOTICE. PRIVATE BOARD and RESIDENCE AT Mrs. HUBBARDE, No. 114,

MAGISTRACY,

Praya East. N.B .- Will onen on 1st May next; TERMS MOVERATE. Hongkong, April 23, 1888.

WM. C. H. HASTINGS,

Acting Police Magistrate.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT. Land Contributions for the year ledged before the 11-ra Max, 1896, and 1896 has This Day seen declared. WAR- Customers repented to the Firm are RANTS will be issued on the 11th Proximo. requested to make Payment as early as

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED

Madagascar, and the consequent WINDING. UP of the HONGKONG BRANCH. All Accounts against the Firm must be requested to make Payment as early as

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\$15.00.

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Sunken Wreck on Woesung Bar.

TIHE COAST INSPECTOR TELEGRAPHS

that in consequence of a WRECK on the OLD BAR LINE of the Woosung

Ban, the Old Bar day marks and night

signals have been discontinued. The Feims

CONSULADO GENERAL DEL PERU,

NOTIOE.

DY Order of the Consul General of Peru,

it is hereby notitied that the OFFICE

of the CONSULATE GENERAL for

PERU in Hongkong has This Day been OPENED at No. 9, QUEEN'S ROAD CEN-

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mesara, E. RIUCO & Co.,

24, Queen's Road Central,

DEG to announce the transference of. D their Business from Hongkong to

Kowloon, 30th April, 1896.

H. M. HILLIER,

Acting Commissioner of Customs

for Kowloon and District.

Hongkomp, 1st May, 1896.

EL CANCILLER,

Uhannel is clear,

TRAL Birst Floor.

Moyune, British steamer, 3,016, Kemp,

condon and Singapore April 26, General.

Chinatu, British steamer, 1,459, Robt.

Innes, Koba via Moji April 25, General.-

Namon, British steamer, 863, T. P. Hall,

May I, General - Douglas STEAMSHIP Co.

Moji April 26, Coal.—Melchers & Co.

Frejr, Danish steamer, 497, Funders

Nanchang, British str., 1,060, E. Fin-

layson, Bangkok April 25, Rice and Timber.

DEPARTURES.

May 2:-

Pakhoi and Hoihow May 1, General .--

-HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

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Luderhorn, for Kutchinotzu.

Saint Louis, for Newchwang.

Victoria, for Moji and Tacoma.

Menelaus, for Singapore and London.

Lightning, for Singapore and Calcutta.

Canton, for Singapore and London.

CLEARED.

Peru, for Nagasaki and San Francisco.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Manila, for Hongkong: from Lon-

don, Mr D. Gillies; from Singapore, 149

Chinose. Disembarked at Singapore: from

London, Lieut.-Col. G. H. Dyke, Mrs

Allen, Miss Nicholson, and Capt. Anderson;

from Penang, Mr Mereweather and native

Per Moquae, from Singapore, 230 Chi-

Per Chinglu, from Kobe, Mr and Mrs

Per Namoa, from Coast Ports, Messrs

Boran, Booking, F. K. Leng, Masters Shaw

Per Freig, from Pakhoi, &c., 1 French

Per Nanchang, from Bangkok, 22 Chi-

DEPARTED.

Per Picciola, for Chefoo, 12 Chinese.

Per Cassius, for Amoy, 18 Chinese.

Per Brunhilde, for Bugkok, 12 Chinese.

Per Cheang Chew, for Swatow, 1 Euro-

Per Lightning, for Singapore, I Euro-

Per Mirzapore, for Shanghai ; from Hong-

kong, Mrs C. B. N. Dodd and child, Messrs

J. Barrett and W. J. Lister ; from London.

Hannsen and A. Yracie; from Brindisi, Mr

B. Sharp; from Bombay, Lieut.-Col. R. C.

Jones; from Colombo, Mr and Mrs G.

TO DEPART.

Wheen and child, Messes G. H. Harper and

peans, and 94 Chinese.

100 Chinese.

Per Hertha, for Yakohama, 1 European.

Per Thales, for Swatow, 200 Chineso.

Per Esmeralda, for Manila, 8 Chinese.

Per Wong-kot, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

able winds and constant rain; from Hie-

E.N.E. to North, high following sea, and

overcast weather. From thence into port,

Generally fine, calm, and clear. Last day

fresh breeze from N.E., with passing

The British steamer Chinglu reports:

Moji to Ockseu, light variable airs and dense

fog; thence to port, fresh N.E. breeze and

The British steamer Namoa reports:

Left Foochow on the 28th April, and had

light E. N.E. wind and thick foggy weather,

sea smooth throughout. Left Amoy on the

29th, had light variable winds and thick

foggy weather to Lammocks; from thence

to port, light S. W. wind and clear weather.

E. N.E. wind and sea, sky cloudy. Steamers

Clara. In Amoy: H.M.S. Pigmy. Steamers

in Swatow : Glenshiel, Taisang and Choysang.

The Danish steamer Freir reports: Had

The British steamer Nanchang reports

Had fine weather and light East winds to

I strong M.N. E. winds and cloudy months.

the Peracele; thence to port, fresh and

cloudy weather, moderate sea.

heavy E.N.E. sea.

ships making bad weather going North.

wind and sea more modeate. Passed several

The British steamer Moyung reports:

Per Canton, from Hongkong: for Singa-

servant, Capt. Fletcher and servant.

Cheang Chew, for Swatow.

Colorado, for Kebao.

Picciola, for Chefoo.

'assius, for Amoy.

Brunhilde, for Bangkok.

Mirzapore, for Shanghai.

Hertha, for Yokohama.

Thales, for Swatow.

Hanoi, for Pakhoi.

Strathesk, for Moji.

for Hongkong.

(2), and 53 Chinese.

Missionery, and 20 Chinese.

pean, and 566 Chinese.

pean, and 814 Cainese.

Moke Norrie.

Lucemoon, for Shaughai.

Esmeralda, for Manila,

Wong-koi, for Swatow.

A. R. MARTY.

#### Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY.

the 6th May, 1896, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,-THE DANISH STEAMER ACTIV,

as she now lies on SAD POINT, about 30 miles West of Holsow, North Coast of HAINAN.

With all her MACHINERY, 3 STEAM WINOHES, and One CAPSTAN. Anchors, Chains, Boats, Ship's Stores, Provisions, and Inventory have been salved and are not included in the Sale. Tenms :- Cash on the fall of Hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to GEO. P. LAMMERT, . Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 1, 1896.

#### Intimations.

TOTICE is hereby given that on the 23rd day of March, 1896, the CHINA EXPORT, IMPORT AND BANK COM-PAGNE of Hongkong, applied to His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, under Ordinances No. 16 of 1873, and 20 of 1895, for leave to register SIX TRADE MARKS in the REGISTER of TRADE MARKS in the

Name of the Company. The said TRADE MARKS will be used in respect of (1) Chemical Substances of all Sorts (including Minoral Dyes), (2) Raw or Partly Prepared Vegetable, Animal and Mineral Substances deed in Manufacture (including Dyes other than Mineral), (3) Unwrought and Partly Wrought Metals, (4) Machinery of all Kinds, (5) Musical Instruments, (6) Horological Instruments, (7) Instruments, Apparatus and Contrivances for Surgical or Curativo Purposes or in relation to health of Men or Animals, (8) Cutlery and Edge Tools, (9) Metal Goods (including Lamps and Noodles), (10) Goods of Precious Metals and Jewellery and Imitations of such Goods and Juwellery, (11) Glass, (12) Manufactures from Mineral and Other Substances for Building or Decoration. (13) Arms. Ammunition and Stores, (14) Explosive Substances, (15) Cotton Yarn and Thread, (16) Cotton Piece Goods, (17) Instant, or they will not be recognized. Ootton Goods. (18) Silk Pieco Goods, (19) Yarns of Wool, Worsted or Hair, (20) are to be left in the Godowns, where they Cloths and Stuffs of Wool Worsted or Hair, will be examined on SATURDAY, the 9th (21) Woollen, Worsted and Hair Goods, (22) Instant, at 3 p.m. Articles of Clothing, (23) Substances used as food or as ingredients in food (including Preserves and Biscuits), (24) Fermented | the 9th Instant will be subject to rent. Liquors and Spirits, (25) Mineral and Aerated Waters, Natural and Artificial (including Ginger Beer), (26) Candles, Common Soap, Detergents, Illuminating, Heating or Lubricating Oils, Matches, and Starch, Blue and other Preparations for Laundry Purposes, (27) Perfumery (including Toilet Articles and Preparations for the Teeth and Hair and Perfumed Soap, (23) Games of all Kinds, Archery, Fishing Tackle and Toys, (29) Umbrellas, Walking Sticks and Brushes and Combs, and (30) Buttons of all Kinds. SPECIMENS of the said MARKS may be seen at the Colonial Secretary's OFFICE upon Application.

Dated the 2nd day of April, 1896. H. L. DENNYS. For the CHINA EXPORT IMPORT AND

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#### To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has now nothing to do with Dog Licenses, Lost Property or Night Passes. Mr. LETHBRIDGE is ACTING CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, and has been

for the last month. W. C. H. HASTINGS, Acting Police Magistrate. Hongkong, May 2, 1896.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BRECONSHIRE, FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowlcon Wharf & GODOWN COMPANY, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th Inst. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be

presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th Inst., or they will not be recognised. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th Inst., at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been offected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

Mongkong, May 2, 1889.

#### To-day's Advertisements.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 20 of 1895.

In the Matter of EDWARD FRANK BIRCHAL, lately carrying on Business at No. 22, Stanley Street, at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, as 'VILLA, LOPEZ & Co.'

DIVIDEND is intended to be declared in the matter of EDWARD FRANK BIRCHAL, trading as 'VILLA, LOPEZ & Co.,' adjudicated Bankrupt on the 6th February,

Creditors who have not proved their DEBTS by the 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 1896,

will be excluded. Dated this 2nd May, 1896. ARATHOON SETH,

NOTICE.

name of COTTAM & Co., at No. 3, PED:

Trustee.

THE Undersigned having Purchased the Centlemen's Outfitting Business from the HONGKONG TRADING Co., the same will, from this date be carried on under the

> DERS ST., HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDINGS. J. P./COTTAM Hongkong, May 1, 1896.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW,

NEWPORT AND SINGAPORE.

TTHE Company's Steamship Moyane having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong-KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO. Kowloon, whonce delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Inst. Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the

Undersigned before Noon on the 11th All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods No Fire Insurance has been effected, and

any Goods remaining in the Godowns after Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, May 2, 1896. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER MANILA.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the aboveinamed Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed. This Vessel brings on Cargo: --From MADRAS ex s.s. Sirsa. Ontional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. To-DAY. Goods not cleared by the 8th Instant, at

4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever. All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same given to

the Undersigned, on or before the 9tl Instant, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 2, 1896. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Co.'s.Steamship

Palamed,
Capt. Williams, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th Instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkong, May 2, 1896.

FOR SHANGHAI. The Steamship Capt. G. HEUERMANN, will

be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 4th May, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, May 2, 1896. GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON,

VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship Glenshiel. Captain Jones, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th Inst., at 4 p.m., instead

of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 2, 1896. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY. LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW. AMOY & FOODROW. The Co.'s Steamship Captain HALL, will be despatched for the above

Ports on TUESDAY, the 5th Instant, at For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,

General Managers. Hongkong, May 2, 1896. FOR OHEFOO AND TIENTSIN. The Steamship

Ching Ping,
Captain Blake, will be
despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 5th Instant, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hangkops, May 2, 1830.

#### Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
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Australian Ports	Chingtu (8)		i. May 26, at 9 a.m.
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Tougou and Hamon	Turn (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co	About May 14.
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N'aaki, Kobo & Y'nan	13: Dreconanto (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & C	o. About May 7.
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Shanghai	Karlerung (a)	Norddoutscher Lloy	a About May 6
Shanghai, Kobé & Yir	ng Pathan (8)	Dodwell, Carlill & C	May 4 at noon
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10-day's Advertisements.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI. (Passing through the INLAND SEA).

.The Co.'s Steamship Hohenzollern. Capt. A. HARRASSOWITZ Ports on or about THURSDAY, the 7th

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 2, 1896. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE. STEAM TO SHANGHAL The Co.'s Steamship

Karlsruhe. Captain H. WALTER, due here with the outward German Mail about the 6th Inst., will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 2, 1896 NORDDEUTSCHER LLUYD.

NOTICE. . STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG. PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK

SEA & BALTIC PORTS; LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,

GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Brils of Lading for the principal places i RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONORONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION. Karlsruhe ...... | Tuesday | May 26. Prinz Heinrich ... | Tuesday | June 23.

Preussen ..... | Tuesday | July 21. Sachsen Tuesday | August 18. Karlsruke ..... | Tuesday | September 15 Prinz Heinrich ... | Tuesday | October 13. Preussen ...... Tuesday | November 10 | Messrs E. Keighley, Barrett, Mains, K.

N TUESDAY, the 26th day of May, 1896, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. KARLSRUHE, Captain H. WALTER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till pore, Mr P. A. V. Remedies; for London, Noon, on SATURDAY, the 23rd Instant, Mrs Hunt. From Shanghai : for London, Cargo and Specie will be received on Mrs Jansen, 3 Misses Jansen, Mr J. Janboard until 5 p.m., on Monday, the 25th sen, Miss Law, Mrs Oswald and 2 children. Instant, and Parcel: will be received (at Rov. W. Owen, Mr J. Osborne, Mrs Osthe Agency's Office) untit Noon, on MONDAY, horne and 3 children, Mr and Mrs E. the 20th Instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be W. Wright. signed for less than \$2,50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board. For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co. Agents. Hongkong, May 2, 1896.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor shans to Pedro Blanco, strong breeze from Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour :-

LUCILE, American ship, Captain J. E. Ballard. - Captain. QUEEN ELIZABETH, British ship, Captain O. E. Fulton. -Shewan & Co. SINTRAM, Amer. ship, Capt. Woodridge.

\_Wieler & Co. SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS. May 1:--Manilu. British steamer, 2,711, R. L. Haddock, London March 21, and Singapore April 26, General .- P. & O. S. N. Co.

May 2:-Pallioi, British steamer, from Canton. Canton, British steamer, 2.164, A. G. Cubitt, Shanghai April 28, General .- P. & O. S. N. Co.

Menclaus, British staamer, 2,779, W. Towell, Shanghai April 29, General, -But-893 Enthield & Eastern

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS will close:-

For CANTON.-Per Powan, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 3rd May. For SWATOW & BANGKOK .--

Per Wongkoi, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 3rd May. For SINGAPORE PENANG & BOMBAY Per Letimbro, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday,

the 4th May. For PAKHOI & HAIPHONG .-Per Hanoi, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday. the 4th May.

For SINGAPORE. -Per Pakhoi, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, 22 years. the 4th May. Per Irene, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the

7th May.

4th May.

For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & **УОКОНАМА:**— Per Manila, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 4th May. For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.-

Per Namoa, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping.

Daylight .- Thales leaves for Swatow, &c. Outward Bound :- Borneo, Aggi, Daylight .- P. M. S. S. Co.'s Str. Peru leaves for Japan and San Francisco. Daylight.-Canton leaves for L'don, &c.

DEDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.-4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. Matins: -- Vonite, Wickes (Alternative Chants); Psalms, Kelway, Tomlinson; Te Deum, 103, Stainer; Jubilate, 131, J. Baptiste, Calkin; Anthem, 24. Like as the hart: Hymn, 4; Kyrie, 142, J. L. Hopkins (72);

Offertory Sentences, 1-7-9. Evensong :- Psalms, Crotch, Hervey (II. Foochow April 28, Amoy 29, and Swatow Series); Magnificat, Monk; Cantate Domino, Cards; Nune Dimittis, Australia, German str., 1,398, Barker, Kelway; Hymns, 298, 270, 31.

> UNION CHURCH, -SUNDAY, MAY 3. 11 a.m.:-Hymn, No. 30 (London New), Scotch Psalter; Hymn, No. 198 (Austria) Haydn; Hymn, No. 371 (Diligence), Mason; Psalm, No. 82 (Double Chant), Crotch ; Anthom,

Mozart; Hymn, No. 379 (Armaggedon), Goss; Hymn, No. 487 (2nd tune), Monk; Anthem, No. 6, 'The Rightcous shall be glad,' E. Grell. WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH (WANCHAL.)-

Smart; Hymn, No. 277 (Belmont),

10.30 a.m.: Hymns, 681, 404, 771, 503. Psalms, XV-XVIII.

SUNDAY, MAY 3.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY. Shipping. Noon,-Manila leaves for Shanghai, &c.

Noon.—Letimbro leaves for Bombay, &c. Noon. -Palamed leaves for London. 4 p.m. - Lyeemoon leaves for Shanghai. 4 p.m. - Glenshiel leaves for Mar'lles, &c. Breconshire leaves for Japan. Pakhoi leaves for Singapore.



Per Canton, from Shanghai, Mr Sturrock, LIMITED.

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PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be

had on Application. PORT after removal should be rested a mouth before uso. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensiry before being sent out.

SHERRY .- Excellent Dinner and After Per Lycemoon, for Shanghai, 90 Chinese. Dinner Wines of very superior Vin-Per Peru, for Nagasaki, &c., 8 Eurotages. All are true Xores Wines.

Per Hano, for Pakhoi, 2 Europeans, and CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and corrants, as is general-The British steamer Menclaus reports: ly the case with Cheap Wines. From Steep Island to Hieshans, light vari-

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference i and vintago.

quality and of greater age than most brands, in the market. The ScorcH Whisky marked 'E' is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from Left Swatow on the 1st May, and moderate in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports. in Foochow : Normandie, Krim, Kansu and

> A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Hongkong, January 9, 1630.

BIRTH. At Shanghai, on the 26th April, the Wife at 4.10 p.m. yesterday. of O. A. MADAR, of a Son,

MARRIAGE. On the 25th April, at the Trinity Cathedral, by the Rav. H. C. flodges, M.A., W. H. JACKSON, Manager, Vacuum Oil Co., Shanghai, late of Bombay, to ANNIE, second daughter of William and Annie Hodgson, of Sunderland, Durham, England.

DEATHS. At Trentham Lodge, Moffat, Scotland, on the 1st April, JAMESINA GRANT, the beloved wife of James Anderson, formerly of Amoy Dock and Hongkong.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 26th April, CHRISTIAN KARBERG, aged 33-The publication of this issue commenced

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1896.

LOCAL AND GENERAL. PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER). miden, Bellona, St. Ronald, April 7; 14 : Agamemnon, Ixion, Japan, Mazagon, fully remembered in Newchwang. 17; Caledonien, Fau Sang, 21; Pakling, Oceanien, 24 : Glenavon, 28. Homeward Bound: - Merionethshire, Ningchow, March 27; Prinz Heinrich, Port

Muria Teresa, 24. The N. L. s.s. Karlsruhe, carrying the Gen-MAN MAIL of April 6, left Singapore on on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at day-

The O. & O. s. s. Gaelic, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via do next winter? Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 25th

The P. M. s. s. City of Rio de Janeiro, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this Nagasaki, on the 16th April. Turn thy face from my sins. Att- The Empress of Japan left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 21st April.

6 p.m.: - Hymn, No. 2 (Regent Square), The N. P. s. s. Strathleven left Tacoma on

the 18th April for this port, via Ja-Steamers Expected. The s. s. Breconshire left Singapore for this port on the 25th April, and may be ex-

nected here on or about the 2nd May. The P. & O. s.s. Brindist left Singapore for this port on the 28th April, at 3 p.m. 6 p.m.:—Hymns, 230, 225, 190, 420; The s. s. Pathan left Singapore on the 29th Lieutenant-Colonel. April, and is due here on or about the 5th May.

> April for this port, and may be expected here on or about the 3rd May. The E. & A. s. s. Airlie, from Australia, left Port Darwin for this port on the 28th The E. & A. s. s. Australian, from Europe,

B.B. Kirkhill, left Kobe on the 27th

is due here on Monday, the 4th May. The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Maria Valerie left Kobe for this port on April 30. Latest Advices.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s. s. Hector, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 1st May. and may be expected here on or about The Empress of India, from Hongkong, arrived at Shanghai at 4 a.m. to-day, and left again at 1 p.m. on same day for Nagasaki, where she is expected to

arrive at 6 a.m. on Monday, the 4th The steamship Kutsang, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore on May 1, at 6 p.m., for this port.

THERE were ten cases of plague reported a the Sanitary Board to-day - 6 in the city 1 in the harbour; 1 in Kowloon; 1 in th hill district; and 1 from Canton.

This morning a prisoner in Victoria Gael committed suicide by tying his queue tightly round his neck. The prisoner was one of the soavengers sentenced to six months' hard labour at the Magistracy on Monday for attempting to blackmail a shopkeeper.

The Investors' Review for April is accompanied by 'The Investment Index.' Both contain an ample supply of advice to the investor. In addition to 'Balance Sheet Facts and Inferences,' the Index' contains one or two short articles of a readable na\_ ture. That is always an outstanding trait of the Review itself. It is not possible to agree with all the editor allows within the covers of his magazine, but the reading matter is nevertheless entertaining in its own peculiar style. The economic notes are by no means the dryandust contributions one would expect from a financial magazine. The Dangerous Ignorance of Mr Chamber lain?' 'The New Naval Expenditure,' and lowest priced, are guaranteed to be The New Souden War' give Mr Wilson the genuine product of the juice of the an opportunity to air his political as well as his conomic views, and he has also something to say on 'Japanese Finance.'

THE report for the past year of the Union Assurance Society, of which Mr H. Wickprice being morely a question of age ing is the local agent, shows the gross annual income as £824,487 11s. 3d., and the amount of accumulated funds at the close of WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent the year as £2,798,955 Os. 4d. These figures show an increase in the annual income of £49,941 8s. 5d., and in the accumulated funds of £179,767 14s. 7d. The ratio of the fire losses to the premium income was 57.1 per cent., and that of the expenses was 32.03 per cent., so that the surplus was 10.87 per cent. of the fire premiums. After making the usual allowance of 831 per cent for the increase in the amount of unexpired surance business during the year was £38,348, which is by far the largest amount of autual profit ever made by the Society in a single year. The life department shows an natinfactory a state of affairs.

> Oun Popular Piano, handsome, full-toned strong; guaranteed woar, \$325/386 .- W 75 Robinson & Co.

THE delivery of the English Mail was begun

MEHR light and mair watter' were the two popular demands at Tientsin a fortnight

BISHOP Maset has started from Foschow for his annual tour of inspection in the Holt-chiang District.

WE learn from a Scottish newspaper that Dr Carrie's health had stready improved

THE Saghalien, which had been ashere below Woosung, was floated on the 27th ult. and docked at Pootung. She has sustained no serious damage.

THE following are also Donors to the Home of Agod and Infirm :- Society of St. Vincent de Paul, \$300; Mesers Chater and Mody, 825 : Hon, E. R. Belilios, C.M.G., \$25; A.S.G., \$25.

H.M.S. Rattler has left Newchwang where she wintered. A correspondent writes:-This fine vessel has been like a yacht full Diomed, Melbourne, Oceana, 10; Glenogle, of gentlemen, and she will long be grate-

MR David Gillies, Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Compony, re-Adelaide, 31; Glenfruin, April 14; Bom. | turned to the colony, from London yesterbay, Ghacee, Preussen, 21; Frigga, day by the P. and O. Company's steamer

SINGAPORE is organising a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's new comic opera Friday, May 1, at noon, and is due here | The Grand Duke. This is enterprise, considering that Singapore has no Dramatic Club. What is the Hongkong A.D.O. to

AFTER the Hongkong Races, horse flesh is? chesp, but we do not think we have touched port, via Honolulu, Yokohama and the price paid the other day at Foochow. when The O'Hooligan was knecked down at auction for \$5, with horse-cloth, roller and headstall thrown in! The pony is said to be sound, and to have carried a lady.

THE following military promotions are announced :-- Army Medical Staff -- Surg. - Col. W. Taylor, M.D., to be Surgeon-Major-General; Surg.-Major W. D. Wolseley to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel. Army Service Corps-Major F. T. Clayton to be

Ar the Magistracy to-day the Procurator In The s.s. Osborne, from Japan, with cargo ex Hongkong for the Dominican Missions in the Far East was charged at the instance of Hugh McCallum, Secretary to the Sanitary Board, with not having complied with a notice served upon him on April 16 to have a choked drain at No. 2 Victoria View, Kowloon, cleaned. The charge was admitted, and Commander Hastings imposed a fine of \$10.

WE have seen a reprint from The Bullionist of a report of the first ordinary meeting the Empress Assurance Corporation, Limited, of which Messrs Holliday, Wise and Co. are the Hongkong agents. The Chairman, Mr T. G. Fardell. M.P., mentioned that besides ninety-eight agencies in the home district, there were branches at Mauchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Glasgow, and Dublin. The announcement that agencies had been established at Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore, Colombo, and Calcutta was favourably received, and we have no doubt that in the bands of Mesers. Holliday, Wise and Co. the Hongkong agency is likely to secure a fair share of the local insurance business.

The meeting was a very harmonious one.

La Hung Chang's stay at the Colombo

lasted only twelve hours, and most of that time was spent on beard the Ernest Simons and the Armand Behic. On the arrival of the Ernest Simons a salute of nineteen guns was fired. During the day, on the invitation of the Governor's Private Secretary, the Vicercy went on shore and drove round the city, visiting among other places the Kelani Temple. On the passenger jetty the Vicercy was met by a guard of honour from the Lancashire Regiment. Owing to the absence of H.E. the Governor, Sir West Ridgeway, the party did not breakfast or lunch at Queen's House. After Lireturned to the Armand Behie, a representative of the Times of Ceylon was granted an interview, Lo Feng Luh, the Chief Secretary to the Embassy, being called upon to give the necessary information. His Excellency was very reticent with regard to whother he would devote much of his attention to commercial questions while in Europe, and refused to answer an inquiry as to whether he had an order with him for a few ironclads from British ship-builders. Information was readily given regarding the proposed itinerary. At the conclusion of his visit to Russia he will visit Berlin, Essen, The Hague, Brussels, Paris, London, New York, Washington, Chicago, Vancouver, from whence he will travel by Canadian-Pacific Company's steamer to Shanghai. In reply to a question Li stated he had been specially invited to visit Essen, and it is thought probable that Krupp and his gune is the explanation of the visit to that place. The end of July was mentioned as the probable date of Li's arrival in London where he risk, the actual profit made on the fire in- hoped to stay about a fortnight. His Excellency stated he was sorry there had been some disappointment in Hongkonz owing to his not landing there; but he had been advised that he would run the risk of being quarantined at Singapore.

W. Robinson & Co. have 150 Pienos for Hire on Monthly Payments, also Plants respired from Hise chaep

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals :- Geo. H. Bateson Wright, D.D., \$20; D. Noronha, 810 ; S. R. Futtakees, 25 ; W. J. Tutcher, 6-3, 6-4. 85; Wan Yuk Shan, 85.

A PAID commandant has been appointed to the Coylon Volunteer Corps-Lieut.-Col. A. C. Fitz-Harding Vincent, half-pay, Scottish Rides (the Cameronians). It is rumoured that half-pay officers will be appointed to Volunteer Regiments in England before long.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS :- At Kowloon-Azamor, Taichow, Ocampo, H. M.S. Ploves, Wingsang, Mascotte.

Cosmopolitan-Exe, Wandering Jew. Aberdeen-(none.)

RACHALS and Brinsmead's Pianos have no rival for tone, strength and appearance.-W. Robinson & Co.

raging in Kuangsi is confined to the four Commedere Boyes ............ 109 101 210 profectures of (Linchou, Chingyuan, Nonning, and Pinghe. Prior to the advant of steam communication in China these four profectures provided most of the rice consumed by the people of Canton and its adjacent cities of Kuangtung, and there was a great trade in the staple between the two provinces. The present famine has been caused by lack of rain for the last eight or nine months. Numbers of refugees have lately been flocking in to Kuangtung and the people of this province have already subscribed a large sum for their maintenance. The plague is reported to be also raging in Canton; some wards in that city having reported ninety deaths within three days. Plague patients coming from Hongkong rarely succeed in recovering, the douth rate in their case being estimated as high as nine-tenths of the whole number. -N.C. Daily News.

As we have already advised, the P. and O. Company have entered into contracts for. in all, four mail steamers, of the highest class, similar in type to, but larger than, the Caledonia. Australia, and Himalaya, now running in the Eastern services, and intended to accommodate about 500 first and second saloon passengers. These ves. | Whampon Dock Co. to the order of the sels are each 500 feet in length, with proportionate beam and power, measuring about 8,000 tons register, with machinery to indicate 11,000 horse-power. They are another vessel of larger dimensions, also being built by Mesars. Hurland and Wolff and Messre. Caird and Co., and the first two ships, which have been named the India and China, will be ready for service during the coming autumn. The remaining two vessels will be delivered in time to daughter of the Spanish Consul at Amoy) commence work previous to the termination of the present mail contracts, which expire tinguished company, including Sen. Don in January, 1898. These four new vessels | Josè de Navarro, Consul for Spain; Comwill, like their predecessors, be driven by mander Padrinan, I.S.N., Messrs J. Rubio, single-screw engines, but the distribution M. Murin, and others, joined in drinking of power and smoothness of working will the usual felicitous toasts. be insured by employing engines of the | The following are the principal dimenfour cylinder tandem type. The first ship sions and particulars of the yessel:to be delivered will be the India, which Length over all 155 ft., Breadth 23 feet, will be launched on 14th of April, from | Depth (moulded) 11 ft. Tonnage about 370 the building yard of Messra. Caird and Co. | tons. The engines are of triple expansion -L. and C. Express.

THE London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian writes :- In regard to the French Minister in Pekin strained every ing pressure of 170 lbs. p. square inch. nerve to secure it for France, and that the steps which he took and the threats which he made with that object amazed even the Tsung-Li-Yamen, which must be pretty speed hardened by this time. Even on the very day, March 11, that the contract was signed M. Gerard was at the Yamen storming and demanding the contract; but a few days before the Chinese, fearing that they would be obliged to give way, and dreading any further financial dependence of the country on France and Russia, had resort to an old device of theirs, and through an adroit agent, who read a world of signification into a nod and a wink, became so compromised with the British and German agents that they could not draw back, and M. Gerard was confronted with an accomplished fact. For this the Chinese expressed profound regret and their intention of censuring an impetuous agent who did not wait for instructions, but nition. went ahead on his own account and pledged his Government so deeply that with credit they could not, &c. I am told also that the banks in London and Berlin responsible for the loan have had offers to underwrite it to the extent of three times | plete knowledge of Dr Jameson's raid. its amounts. The Chinese Government has been most gratified at the consent of the Bank of England being obtained to inscribe the stock there. I am told that this immense benefit in securing public subscriptions has heretofore been confined wholly to atook guaranteed by the British Government, and that the bank only conwanted to depart from its usual practice on representations from quarters which could not be neglected as to the importance to British interests in China at this moment of this loan being successfully carried out

THE much-belated scheme started by the genuine 'Hard Case.' It is given as found Blackburn Chamber of Commerce for send- in a newspaper of recent date:- 'It is the ing out a commercial expedition to China | Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle has, it would seem, come within measurable | who has discovered the finest " freak " of the possibility by the subscription of the neces- | century. We have all heard of two-headed sary funds, and we should be very glad to nightingales, Siamese twins, and what not, see it started on its way. But Professor | but a female child with two perfect heads Donglas, we know not whether of his own | and only one body is something of a novelty. motion or in concert with the promoters, | Happily for the carious in such matters, she suggests through the Times that 'it is (or they) possesses excellent health and has essential, if the expedition is not to prove a levery chance of living. The mether's name failure, that the Foreign Office should sup- is Mdme. Leger, and she resides at Blanzy, plement the efforts of the Blackburn Cham- near Autun. As if this was not a sufficient ber by appointing a member of the Consular authentication, we are told how the priest Service in China to accompany it on its who baptized her (or them) was ordered by travels.' If the object be to get the most his ecolesisation superiors to perform the unintelligent support, from a business point | ceremony separately for each head. We are of view, which could be obtained by the not expressly told, but we suppose that each most ingenious maladroitness to further the | head was given a different name, both, preobject of the expedition, the Foreign Office sumably, feminine. This seems to set rather may safely be resorted to as the surest an awkward precedent. Assuming that the nource of supply, but in our opinion, if the young lady (or ladies) maintains her present expedition is to serve any practical purpose, excellent health, there is surely no reason the less it has to do with the Foreign Office why in due time she should not marry. the better. The most useful object of such | Will the Church then command that the husa deputation would be to conduct an inquiry | band should go through the marriage service absolutely untrammelled by official views, separately with each head? It would seem and how can that be accomplished if the that he must, if he is to be properly married, deputation place themselves, as Professor and yet such a proceeding would closely re-Douglas suggests, in the hands of a Foreign semble bigamy. That is all very well, but Office agent ?- The best thing they can do suppose the two-headed lady or the singleis to put themselves in communication with bodied couple of ladies to take into her heads the British commercial houses in China, and, to choose for herself (or themselves). Two while resorting to our consule for protection, brains must mean two identities, two souls, assistance and information, to hold themselves two memories, and two groups of the affectindependent altogether of official views and tions. Supposing each of these falls in love influences. In that way they may get at facts, | with a different swain, as is most likely ; which ought to known, but may not be what happens then? Just fancy, if you can, allowed to loak out through official channels. Indies and gentlemen, the idyllic picture of a If the envoys of British commerce are to be sofa with the lady in the middle each head personally conducted through China by a reposing tenderly on the shoulder of its rec-Foreign Office egent, they might as well re- pective young man. The baffled imaginamain at home. It must be remembered that tion is beaten off at the idea of the conflict however able and intelligent the official who of two arms for the possession of one waist, might be selected, he must remain the official, | unless the wooing is done by a sort of duty and this inquiry, if properly conducted, may router. Nothing, we think, less than a moinvolve criticisms of Foreign Office policy, and dern Janus Bifrons would meet the exigappies of this abscrmally Herd Case. Overland Mail.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT. The following ties were played off this afternoon :-

CHAMPIONSHIP. O. V. Percival beat C. W. Knox-6-0

DOUBLE HANDICAP.

Hanisch and R. H. Wade (receive 110) best A. H. Mancell and R. H. Skelton (uwe  $\pm 15$ )-6-4, 7-5. Captain Dyson and S. E. Hollond (scratch) beat R. Inglis and E. W. Maitland  $(\text{owe } \frac{1}{2}15) - 6.4, 6.3.$ 

B' CLASS SINGLE HANDICAP.

J. A. Jupp (owe 30) beat A. Donald (owo 15.2)—3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

THE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP. The following are the scores in the Golf

Championship up to date:-Dr Lowson ...... 84 86 170 Mr G. Stewart...... 92 93 185 Mr C. E. Hume ...... 96 92 188 Mr W. M. Thompson...... 99 95 194 

> THE FIRE AT PRAYA WEST. To-day the hearing of the charge of arson against Teang Tee Chap and Lau Wai Chie, the occupants of the rice shop at 48 Praya West, was resumed at the Magistracy by Commander Hastings.

The Best Score Pool for April was won

by Mr C. E. Humo, 86-6=80.

Mr Johnson, Grown Solicitor, prosecuted; Mr Hastings appeared for the defence; and Mr H. L. Dennys appeared for the Insurance Companies interested. Evidence was given by a Chinese detec-

Inspector Witchell gave a similar state-| ment to that given at the enquiry. The case was remanded till Tuesday at 2,15 o'clock.

tive as to the recovery of the Insurance

SHIPBUILDING IN HONGKONG. LAUNCH OF A SPANISH CRUISER.

Some 15 months ago we gave our readers particulars of the launching of a composite gunboat built by the Hongkong and | Spanish Government, and this morning our local enterprise most successfully launched

constructed for the same constituents. As the vessel slid into the water, the ceremony of naming her the Villalobes was performed by Miss Contrera (the in the orthodox manner, after which a dis-

type, and the diameter of the cylinders are 15, 21, and 35 inches with a stroke of 24

inches. Her estimated horse power is 509. Steam will be supplied by two single-ended circular multitubular boilers having a work-The guaranteed speed on a two hours' trial is 111 knots, and she will carry enough bunker coal to steam 2,500 knots at full

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

London, April 30. THE STOKES AFFAIR.

Lothaire has been acquitted.

THE ORANGE FREE STATE. The Orange Free State has passed a vote for an increase of artillery, and for the purchase of four million rounds of ammu-

TRIAL OF THE REFORM LEADERS Evidence adduced at the Pretoria trial proved that Colonel Rhodes had com-

FRANCE.

The French Chamber has approved of the new Cabinet by a majority of forty-six in a full house.

ALLISON Pianos, Art Models, very fine, \$400/450 : Cabin Pianos, small but excellent, \$175/220. - W. Robinson & Co.

Two heads may be better than one, but the Weekly Topicist of the Singapore Free Press has been much exproseed in his mind over a

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR That the Plague, unfortunately, does not get scotched, as it ought to do under ordinary circumstances.

That it would appear, although I would not hint a word against the Committee, the plague gets shead of our preventives, instead of our preventives getting shead of the plague.

That the Epidemic of 1894 was upon us by this time of the year, and yet no extraor. dinary steps seem to be taken.

That in most things in the nature of calamities, it may be well to calmly await events. That this theory by no means applies to

Plague visitations, and our previous experience shows that this threatened visitation should be fully provided for. That I have already called the attention of the Government to the fact that every individual who gained experience during the great Epidemic of 1894 has been excluded from active work in the preven-

tion of a Recurrent Epidemic. That this fact strikes every outsider with a force which auggests all sorts of things. That this mode of not doing things, after the better mode has been suggested months ago, is essentially official.

That the don't-care-a-dump policy appears to reign supreme in official circles, and the respect which every Britisher desires to entertain for his governing brothren is thereby seriously curtailed.

That the reasons why the Plaque continues to exist, and to claim its victims, may be i numerous and varied, but it appears to be unquestioned that the Sanitary Board, as at present constituted, fails to fully realize the danger of playing with such a

discaso.

That, after four months of toying, the Plague was worse than it over was, and one would suppose something more than whitewashing was needed. That it may be I am sadly maligning the Special Committee on this matter, as that Committee may have decided to do all sorts of things by way of preven-

That, if so, the public have as yet heard nothing about any such measures being taken, and we are now in the very clared itself.

be the fault of the Sanitary Board, as at present constituted-only the ovil thing hangs around us, and nothing as yet done

constitution of the Sanitary Board. That I have said a public meeting and a might waive the interest.'

ballot would perhaps be the best way of of the British community really are. That, failing apublic meeting-which I can | were paid within three years, (instead of

That it is intended, I believe, to give the Tls. 200,000,000 in the terms of the treaty the Dutch Indies. It is a trade in connect calls, and the suits which have been com- Agency Company's shares at \$71\frac{1}{2}, and finals.

British subjects of Hongkong (other than | as it stands?" officials, I presume) the opportunity of recording their opinion as to whether the an Unofficial Majority. That, after all that has been said and writ- | fore can afford to put the concession in an-

ten upon the subject, it is unnecessary to say anything more. Telegrams from Brussels state that Capt. That I need say no more than this, that the and explained that his reason for spreading That the Unofficial Majority (with, be it were to be made must appear in the treaty

> ever been done in this Colony. they bungled the treatment of the Condemned Area of Taipingshan-as results | with each subsequent amount of interest. have unfortunately shown.

element in the Board at the present mo- | seat to this Count Ito agreed. ment is the presence of the 'Unofficial community have the fullest confidence. That if we can only secure the services of "half a dezen men like Mr Ede, with no other object than the good of the Colony before them, there would be little doubt

That I am now merely referring to the constitution of the Sanitary Board, which Commerce.

taken upon that particular point. That the desirability of Hongkong residents obtaining a say in the management of their own municipal affairs may depend upon the result of the ballot now suggested.

vote straight, knowing what use may be departure. A very long subsidiary wrangle made of such an expression of opinion. been suggested as the day for unveiling | delay and formalities, Ito on the other hand |

Monday), and there is a general feeling to itself.

Praya Reclamation.

received.

side and inside the Garrison, the Queen's your cravings, whilst I communicate with Birthday celebration and the Unveiling the Emperor?' Finally it was arranged should have another day. That it is seldom a young resident like Mr | and Japan should depute officers to effect the E. D. Sanders gets a cend-off like that he

That those othletic gentlemen are what the of ratifications. Scotch parson would call 'perfockly rideckulous in their expressions of appreciation. That Sandon deserved all he got, and what

and unanimity of the whole affair. that I hear the census of the Portuguese at Pagoda, on the despatch beat which conresidents in this Colony has proved a veyed him from Shanghas anchoring, and great-dicappointment to the genial Consul General here.

guese residents have failed be notify their grand display of flags. His Excellency was allegiance to Portugal-i. c. they have met on landing by several of the high deliberately incurred the risk of losing officials and was conducted by them to his Excellency gave eyapathetic assent to the lo have been made Guyeggar of New their nationality.

That it is perhaps within the bounds of probability these ex-Portuguese gentlemen may not have fully realised their posi-

That, if I mistake not, they lose their own nationality by failing to claim it, and they get no other unless they take steps to establish it.

That they may come to grief between the two acts of omission. That into whatever number of degrees liars

may be classified, I observe the Supreme Court has left the decision in the Milk Adultoration case undisturbed, and Mr. Crow's analysis is as yet unquestioned,

THE CHINA-JAPAN TREATY OF PEACE. A NEW TRANSLATION.

(Continued from the issue of May 1). The fifth and last interview took place at 2.30 p.m. fit is not explained how or why the hour originally fixed was changed] on the 15th of April, Viscount Mutsu still being too indisposed to take part. It may be described shortly as a long, last, and desperate struggle on the part of Li to obtain reductions and concessions, no matter in preciated by the Chamber of Commerce what and how small. Besides descending and the public generally. to undignified chaffering. Li often 'gave himself away by such admissions as the following: - The Emperor has authorised me to use my discretion, and, if a few changes in the treaty as proposed can be made. I can undertake the responsibility. I therefore beg you to see what you can do for me, -for instance in reducing the indemnity. or the amount of territory to be ceded, when will conclude the business.' Of course Count Ito, seeing that Li had the power to conclude, protested that further concessions were impossible: he thought it was 'undignified Chaffering' to haggle over the amount like a couple of tradesmen : he declined to accept the statements of the Jananess newspapers as to the war expenditure: and, when Li dropped from 50,000,000 to take effect from the lat July next. I have to 20,000,000 and finally to 'no matter how thank you for your courtesy in thus early little, and he would send a telegram to ex- | communicating the information and desire treaty at once, he naturally grew more ob- appreciation of the concession which will so that our gallant friends will have had a durate than ever. Li Hung chang [who, it will be observed, made the fatal mistake of traffic between the various stations. This shifting his ground too often; tried, after protesting against the cession of Formesa at month when the Epidemic of 1894 de- all, to count in the profits derivable by the Japanese from Formosa as a set-off against That, as I have already said, it may not a reduction in the indemnity. He made the important statement that, whilst at Peking. he had been offered twenty million pounds sterling by ' foreigners' on the mere security seems to be of much-use in stemming its of Formosa, and complained that it was firing off two barrels at once' to demand That these remarks may or may not have both an indemnity and a cossion of territory. their effect upon residents who may be Count Ito assured him time after time that weighing in their minds whether an the hundred millions already taken off were official majority in the Sanitary Board | an extreme concession to China's difficulties, is or is not the best thing for the Colony. and to personal friendship; and at last Li, That, looking at the past history of the having exhausted all blandishments, allowed Board, and the work done by the Un- the following snappish remark to escape official Members, I fancy it will not be him: - All right, a time may come when difficult to get at a reasonable conclusion I shall remember this obduracy!' To this lows :on the question of an Unofficial Ma- covert threat Count Ito simply replied that he had already incurred unpopularity by That I have already given my reasons why | yielding so for, and, that unless his terms | the British community should come for- were accepted before the expiry of the ward and say, with a clear and certain armistice, the Japanese domands might be rates of telegraphing. We believe that At close of 1894 the Bank's affairs indicated waru and say, with a clear and certain arminion, the dependent well, if the time and experience will soon show that that shareholders might require to provide Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co.'s shares sound, what they think should be the increased. Li next asked:—'Well, if the time and experience will soon show that that shareholders might require to provide Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co.'s shares informing the Governor what the views | half enterted a promise that no interest |

within three years without adding interest. Sanitary Board should have an Official or | it follows that if we pay all now, Japan has three years' interest to the good, and thereother form, and let us take it out in advance. Count Ito, however, would not have this. Unofficials have done more during the the payments over seven years was precisely last few years to arouse the Colony to a | because he felt that two years were too sense of our dangers from insanitation short a period for Chine within which to than all the Officials have done (including | raise the money. He also insisted that the Mr O. Chadwick) for the last two decades. | stipulation as to how principal and interest noted, the aid of several level-headed itself, and not in a separate article. At last and leal hearted Officials) did the best | it was arranged that, if the two first instalwork in fighting insanitation that has ments of fifty millions each were duly paid within one year, the interest payable for That the Official element, when left to that year upon the remaining hundred militself, nearly undid the good done, when lions might be deducted from the amount payable as the third instalment; and so on The next point was that a line should be That I may be prejudiced in a slight de- | added to the 2nd Article providing that the

gree, although facts and results are centre of the River Line should be the bounfavourable to the view, but the best | dary between Newchwang (port) and the As to Li's suggestion that Chinese not Remnant,' Mr N. J. Ede, in whom the living in the ceded territory, but having property there, should have such property protested as though they were Japanese subjeots, Count Ito declined to agree to this, on the ground that Japanese laws would clash with such a provise, and that European about the result of the ballot about to be powers might make things disagreeable for Japan under cover of favoured nation clauses. Count Ito was not to be frightened by the ghostly picture Li drew of the Formosan is the parlicular point upon which the climate, the fieres habits of the people, &c. Government has asked the opinion of Li held out for delay and 'regulations.' the British members of the Chamber of Count Ite saw no necessity for either one or the other; all the Chinese officials and That the ballot now suggested means a troops had to do was to 'clear out, bug and little more than this, although it will be baggage, Japan would manage the rest. However he handed to Li a special article of his own drawing up, simply stipulating how the Chinese military authorities should hand over charge to the Japanese military authorities, and how the Chinese troops should be That British residents should therefore rifles being returned to China after their

withdrawn at Chine's own expense, their from the station to the jetty opposite the the King is about to return there from the took place at this stage over comparatively was in attendance and contributed to the are believed to be in favour of the return That I see Monday, the 25th of May, has trifling points, Li holding out, in a word, for | éclat of the friendly and impromptu cere- of the King to his Palace. the statue of H.M. the Queen on the being in favour of prompt and summary Municipal Council, was introduced, and a action. Josularity seems to have been the goodly number of residents presented. Our THE appoundement that M. Gérard, the That I am told the 25th is a holiday (Whit | order of the day in this last interview. Li observed :- Come, you need not be in such with the heartipess of the proceedings. Un proves that the French Government is alive that the unveiling of this long-boxed-up a hurry: the Formosan morael is as good Saturday the Minister received a deputation to the necessity of maintaining its dignity Queen's statue should have a holiday all as in your mouth.' Yes,' rejoined Count from the Council on the question of settle- even while it is feverishly eager to insist on Ito, but it is not down the throat yet, and That as Whit Monday is looked upon and we are very hungry,' Li asked :- 'Are looked forward to as a holiday both out- not Taels 200,000,000 sufficient to stave off that, directly after the ratifications, China transfer of Formosa, which must be concluded within two months of the exchange day the subject of extension was broached | had to come into contact with him. It is to (To be continued).

THE DEW Tartar General, H. E. YU Lu I desire to emphasize is the epontaneity strived at Foodhow on the 20th ult. He again on his reaching the landing-place at sense in the other Side

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF TELEGRAPH RATES. From the E. E. A. and C. Telegraph Co. to the Chairman of the Singapore

Chamber of Commerce 1 Sm. -In continuation of correspondence and recent conversation on the subject of telegraph rates I have great pleasure in informing you that my company are now engaged in revising-with a view to their reduction-the telegraph rates to adjacent countries and stations. This revision has been instituted in order to bring about, as for as possible, uniformity per mileage, and will apply to what we may term local telegraph rates such as between :-The three Straits Stations, Straits and

Java, Straits and Cochin China, Straits and India, India and China.

later, on account of negotiations with other administrations. It will be readily understood that all such reductions mean a considerable less to my company, but they public requirements and in the hope that lated thereby. I trust that this action will be duly ap-

I am &c.,

(Sd.) W. GRIGOR TAYLOR. (2. From the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce to the Manager of the

Telegraph Company.) CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Singapore, 24th April, 1896. Sir,-I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter under yesterday's date informing me that your company is now engaged in revising - with a view to their reduction -the telegraph rates to adjacent countries and stations; that this revision will apply rates, the reduction in many of which will be considerable, and that it will probably doubtless have the effect of stimulating | bootless trip. spontaneous action of the Company leads the Chamber to anticipate their valuable assistance at the International Telegraph Conference to be held at Buda Peath in the course of the year in revising the existing high tariff with European Countries. send you copy of the Chamber's Report for what exceeds that of 1876 I propose sendgeneral information.

I am, &c., T. Shelford, Chairman.

gratulated upon an enterprising move. | since been so reduced that the instalment of shares are on the market. Olivers fetched They have decided, as from July 1st next, | call due on April 2, amounting to about | \$6 for A and \$3 for B shares, and close to effect material reductions in the local £50,000, is expected to more than cover it. strong with further buyers. principal amount cannot be reduced, you not only is the Company making no £300.000 in cash to meet its liabilities; but sold at 181 to 183 per cent. prem. for cash. pecuniary loss by what appears to be a if the above anticipation proves correct, a and at equivalent rates on time, the market wrangle now ensued, after which Li, having | bounvolent act of consideration, but that a total of under £180,000 will suffice. This closing quiet but steady at 183 per cent. much increased volume of business will would leave the remaining four instalments prem. cash. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf would be payable if the whole indemnity demonstrate that it is a far sighted and re- of the call of £3 16s. per share to provide and Godown Company's shares sold at \$475, munerative policy. Telegraphic communi- capital for the Bank. In the balance sheet | and continue on offer at that, and perhaps at two as last suggested), made the cunning cation is becoming daily an increasing no value has been placed on amount out. \$47 per share. New Amoy Docks without quive see may on inconvenient under the two as many many many and firmly circumstances—a ballot is probably the proposition:—' Well then, why not deduct necessity in commercial circles, and its pre-standing £87,350 due on 1893-4 call, nor on turther sales, but they are steady and firmly better way to get at the views of the in advance twenty millions for the interest bear and the interest better way to get at the views of the in advance twenty millions for the interest bear and the major of the interest bear which would be due on the indemnity if heavy tox which frequent use of the system shareholders who have not yet accepted the LANDS HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS,—A That I am glad to hear this test is likely to we failed to pay, and let us pay the imposes. A very large trade is carried on new scheme £813,600. Legal proceedings rather extensive business has been put Taels 180,000,000 indemnity instead of between India, The Straits, China and are being taken to enforce payment of these through in Hongkong Land Investment and tion with which much telegraphic com- menced against the Chinese and American ly a small lot fetched \$72, the market closing Apparently Li meant :— If we can pay all munication, if at reasonable rates, would and other recalcitrant shareholders will be with buyers at \$713, and small sellers at assuredly take place. The fluctuations in pushed on with energy. The French courts | \$72; most of the purchases have been for prices of all sorts of largely consumed have already given a decision in the Bank's band fide investors. Kowloon Land and commodities, such as opium, coffee, rice favour, which induces the Board to expect Building Company's shares are quiet with and tobacco, require to be almost hourty similar judgments elsewhere, in which case sellers at \$20 to \$191, and West Points are transmitted between various distributing above assets will be of considerable value on offer at \$18, without finding buyers. ports. But while it costs \$1.40 per and lessen still further the probable loss of Hongkong Hotels continue in steady domand word to telegraph from Singapore to £180,000 referred to. The final approval of at \$261 to \$27 cash, and equivalent rates on Hongkong, 50 cents a word to Java, the judge to the scheme of reconstruction time, but beyond a small cash sale at \$264 \$1.55 to Calcutta, \$1.05 to Bangkok, 80 was not given until 3rd April, 1895, when it I have not heard of any transactions. Humcents to Saigon, and even 35 cents a word | was too late to arrange for the Bank taking a | phreys Estate and Finance Company's shares to Penang, it is not to be expected that the | share in exchange business at the opening of | have been imported from the north at \$9.50 merchant can avail himself of such tele- the export season in China; indeed active to \$9.40, and are on offer locally at \$95 per graphy to any considerable extent. The operations did not commence until 1st June. share. Straits rates are particularly, even exter- | Considering therefore that the accounts cover tionately, high, and will bear most sub- a period of nine months as regards expenses, stantial reduction. It is true that the and only six months as regards surnings, the \$13, with small sales at that rate. H. G. sender of a message may effect a saving by small debit balance of £2,438 which has retransmitting over Native States wires, but suited is not discouraging. The working | \$51 and more chares are wanted. Hongour own experience has shown that the of the Bank as a going concern has con- kong Electrics are easier, in anticipation of cheapness is purchased at the expense of tributed materially to the successful realiss. a call, and \$7 has again been accepted for celerity. A telegram in the Native States tion of assets. travels in favourable circumstances at the leisurely rate of about twenty miles an hour-indeed we have known a message take nearly six hours to meander along the short line between Seremban and Malacca. A cheapening therefore of the cable company's local rates will be greatly appreciated and will certainly cause the wires to be rangements have been completed by which and close steady. Bells Asbestos are on the more freely and regularly employed for Japan and Russia will co-operate in placing market at 386. Ewo Cotton Spinning and much that now has to be subject to the de- the internal administration of Korea upon | Weaving Co.'s shares sold in the North at lay of a mail. We think the Telegraph a sound basis. A Memorandum to this ef. Its. 90. The last call of Tie. 25 on the Company are not posing in this matter as feet has been drawn up by Mr Komura for Laou Kung Mow Cotton Spinning and philanthropists, because we feel convinced the Japanese and Mr Washer for the Rus- Waaving Co.'s shares falling due yesterday. that the reductions contemplated will very sians, and forwarded to Tokyo, where it I now quote them at par (Ils. 100), this quickly pay. But, nevertheless, the com- met with the approval of Count Mutsu, being the equivalent of last reported sales. pany is to be congratulated. It will be Foreign Minister, and Mr Speyer, the Ruscongratulated the more when the rates to sian charge d'affaires. The Memorandum Europe are also reduced.

ARRIVALS and departures have proved the most interesting items in the week's news. writes the Tientsin correspondent of the N .- with two naval officers and five naval doc-C. Daily News. Sir Claude and Lady Mac- tors, arrived here to-day from Chemulno. Donald arrived in the Lienshing on Thurs- One report says they are simply reliefs for day, and, by the courtesy of the Viceroy, the marines now in the capital, while accame up from Tongku in a special train; a cording to another the additional force is Customs launch brought the party down for the purpose of guarding the Palace, as Consulate where a large number of British | Russian Legation. residents had assembled; the town band | The new Premier and Financial Minister mony. Mr Cousins, the Chairman of the visitors seemed to be favourably impressed French Minister to China, has been recalled ment extension ! His Excellency showed a its rights and interests. M. Gerard has made keen interest in the matter and made him- himself a veritable 'bull in a China shoo.' self topographically, familiar with the case and his disappearance from diplomatic circles by more than one personal inspection. We at Tientsin will probably be as welcome to understand that the landrenters have his his Russian colleague and coadjutor as it encourement to go on with the certainly will be to the representatives of the matter at once; and indeed at a other Powers, the Chinese Government and meeting convened for other purposes to every man of gentlemanly feeling who has it is to be brought up for discussion at a be hoped that now the British Lightion will opecial meeting next week. On Saturday be able to send its linen once more to the His Expellency dired with his co-nationals French laundry, and that gentlemen of in Gordon Hall, and deeponed the very in. Franco who had the mistortune to be assovottrable impression previously created. The clated with M. Gerard will again be free to brokendings were a replica in miniature of enjoy the privileges of the Club on terms of was saluted with the usual number of gaus those already reported in Hongkong and courtesy with the gentlemen of other nationthe Legation, who had some down to meet Gerard's manners left ever so much to be Force him. Sir Claude and his wife left for Peking | desired, his methods were far from child. Weather Foodbow. The long bridge was lined with yesterday (Sunday) morning. Many of our like and bland and som to have made him That a large number of sofpalled Portu- troops in bright uniforms, and there was a residents did not fail to express the wish a terror to the Pathen. They will bid him

plea thus confered

a.m.s. Porpoise in the North. PROMPTITUDE AND PLUCE.

The Chefoo correspondent of the N.-C. Daily News writes on the 23rd April :--H.M.S. Perpoise arrived here a few days ago, from Fusan, and thrilled us by the relation of an event which apeaks well for the discipline and pluck of her crew. All hands were at quarters one evening, when the good ship was steaming slowly against

a head sea; occasionally plunging heavily. A heavior plunge than usual buried the bowsprit, and with itablue jacket whose duty had taken him for a moment to this perilous spot, deep below the surface; the heavy sea swept the forecastle, causing some confusion, and had not the gallant commander, who happened also to be temporarily officer of The reductions in many cases will be the watch, by good fortune had his eye on considerable and it is hoped they will take the luckless blue jacket, his absence from effect from the 1st of July next. These the emergent bowsprit might have escaped between India and China may be somewhat notice. The engines were promptly stopped, and hardly had the pipe 'man overboard' been heard, ere the life-boat's crew were in their places and the boat half lowered, almost before the officer referred to venture to bring them forward to meet had had time to decide whether he dared give the order to risk six lives for one. the volume of traffic will be greatly stimu- The boat was no less smartly let go, when the order was given, the man picked up, and the boat again hooked on and hoisted, all concerned showing the greatest coolness and presence of mind, though the boat's crew, har the coxswain, were all young seamen under 21. May each one of them get as prompt aid in any omergency which fortune may have in store for them as they rendered their shipmate on this occasion!

Yesterday morning the Porpoise went out for torpedo practice, with several Chefoo kong, Canton, and Macaos at \$331 and \$331 people abourd; most of the day she was for cash, also equivalent rates on time, the cruising about in sight of the Settlement, until about 4 p.m., when an urgent tolegram from a Newchwang firm, acting for sellers under \$33} for eash; a sale at \$34 the absent Consul. was sent aboard. It was to the effect that the Chinese troops were mutinous and requesting assistance. \$66 cash and locally at \$664, and the to what may be termed local telegraph In a very short time the Porpoise's head was turned northward, her officers expecting to cross the bar about 1 p.m. next off Woosung caused a slightly quieter feelday. However, about 10 p.m. our Consul here received a second telegram from the same source, announcing that the mutiny press China's gratitude and conclude the on bohalf of the Chamber to express their had been quelled, and no aid was necessary,

> BANK OF CHINA AND JAPAN. LIMITED.

The report of the Bank of China and Ja-1895 and beg reference to the table in ap- vourably. The position of the Bank as re- followed suit and are obtainable at \$65. pendix H indicating the variations in rates | gards the public on Dec. 31 was:-Liabiliduring the last 20 years. It will be ob- ties: Fixed Deposits and accrued interest. served that the present sterling cost some. £751.262; other liabilities, £3,356: total and \$14 cash, also at \$141 to \$141 for 31st Assets: Gold securities. ing this correspondence to the papers for £14,753; silver, £382,146; other, £21,701; atrong with buyers all round at \$13\frac{1}{2} cash : I in Bank of England at credit of trustees for just hear of cash transactions at \$132. Predepositors, £130,731; in transitu, £21,139; ference shares sold at \$3 to \$3.10, and are capital set aside for new working account, steady at the latter rate. Charbonnages are £100,000; total £678,471, showing a de- unchanged. New Balmorals have been nego-The Straits Times comments as fol- liviency of £81,147. Owing to the apprecia- tinted at \$1.90 and 1.80, and close weak. tion of securities and to old shareholders Jelebus changed hands at \$3,60, and are The Telegraph Company are to be con- joining the new Bank, this deficiency has offering at \$31. Raubs sold at \$51, but more

> LATE TELEGRAMS. (From Japanese Papers.)

DUAL CONTROL IN KOREA. Tokyo, April 23. -It is reported that arhas been returned to Seoul, with instructions that it should be acted upon.

RUSSIAN MARINES FOR SEOUL, Seaul, April 23 -Fifty Russian Marines.

Shanghai. Accompanied by Mr Jordan of alities who are members of it, If M. that we should see a great deal more of him farewell with the renoment. M. Gerard has than we had of his predecessors, and his evidently missed his econpation. He our I Delectoria, - Operand Alak

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET. Mr Erich Georg in his weekly share report dated Hongkong, 2nd May, says :--A comparatively fair business has been transacted during the week under review. mostly in Banks, Fire Insurance stocks. Hongkong, Canton, and Macaos, Iudo-Chinas. Douglases, Lands, and Punjoms, and the

market closes fairly steady. BANK SHARES .- Hongkong and Shanghai have suffered a slight decline, but at 186 per cent. prem. and 185 per cent. prem. a fair number of shares have changed hands: also at 199 per cent. prem. for 31st August, and finally at 193 per cent. prem. for 31st July, the market closing steady at 185 per cent. prem, for cash. The London quotation is unchanged. Nationals are in demand at \$30, but there are no shares offering under \$31. Bank of China and Japans without business.

- MARINE INSURANCE SUARES. - Unionshave been sold at \$2121 to \$215, and more shares are wanted at \$2121. China Traders found investing buyers at \$80, but a few are offering at that rate. North Chinas are on offer at Tls. 220. Yangtezes changed hands in small lots at \$1521 and \$150 and are obtainable at the latter rate. Cantons remain neglected at \$200; a bonus of 20 per cent. upon contributions of premia for the year 1895 is payable on 11th instant. Straits are quiet at \$28\.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES have improved again, Hongkongs changing hands at \$3321 to \$8371, and Chinas at \$93 to \$94, the market closing easier with sellers at the

Shipping Shanes.-A very fair number of transactions have to be recorded in Hongmarket closing strong with cash buyers at \$334 and equivalent time rates, and no for 30th June bas been effected. Indo-Chinas have been done from the north at market was strong with no sellers when the news of the loss of the s.s. Onwo ing on the part of operators, and I hear of sales to the north effected since at \$68 for 31st July and \$69 for 31st August. For cash, shares are in demand at \$66 to \$661. China and Manilas remain firm with small sales and buyers at \$68. Douglases have been done to a very considerable extent at rates ranging between \$54 and \$554 cash. the market closing somewhat easier with sellers at \$55 to \$542. Ohina Mutuals without business.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have repan, Limited, states that the realisation of mained neglected and the rate has dropped the assets of the Old Bank is progressing fa- to \$117 sellers, without sales. Luzons have Mining Stocks.—Publoms have been done

to a very fair extent at rates between \$134 May for ordinary shares, the market closing

Docks, Whalves, and Godowns.-

Miscellaneous.—Green Islands are weak at \$15} and Watsons are rather quiet at Brown & Co.'s abares have been fixed at shares. Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co.'s shares have been parted with at 3117 and \$118, but at latter figure the market is weak. Geo. Fenwick & Co.'s shares tetched \$251 for a small lot only and more shares are on offer. Hongkong Ice Co.'s shares sold at \$107, \$108, and \$107, and remain firm at latter rate. Tramways sold at \$95 and \$96

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S

STEAMER MIRZAPORE. FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND

STRAITS. ONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Honokona and KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed. This Vessel brings on Cargo :-From LONDON, &c., ex s.s. Britannia. From CALCUTTA, ex s.s. Simla. From PERSIAN GULF BX B. I. S. N. Co. and Bombay Persian S. N. Company's Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 a.m. To MORHOW. Goods not cleared by the 8th Inst., at

4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me In any case whatever. All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same given to the Undersigned, on or before the 9th Instant, after which no Claims will be

recognized. H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 1, 1896.

STEAMSHIP NATAL.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. MONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex

S.S. Guadiana, from Havre ex S.S. Bagdad, and from Bordeaux ex S.S. President Lerey Lallier, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Bongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown COMPANY, LD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Intimation is received from the Consignous before Noon To-DAY (Sunday), the 26th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after SATUR. DAY, the 2nd May, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges. All Claims must be sent in to me on or before SATURDAY, the 2nd May, or they

will not be recognised. All Damagod Packages will be examined on Friday, the 1st May, at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. C. TOURNAIRE,

Acting Agent. Hongkong, April 26, 1896.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Hertha, Capt. HILDEBRANDT, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignoes of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hong-RONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co., LD., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th May will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th May, at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. SIEMSSEN & Co.,

Agents.Hongkong, April 30, 1896.

#### Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1894,

£11,671,018 2s. 2d. Authorised Capital.....£3,000,000.9.0 Subscribed Capital....£2,750,000.0.0 Paid-up Capital.....£687,500.0.0 Fire Funds.....£2,410,992.7.3 Revenue Fire Branch.....£1,546,856.18.7

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to Accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN & Co., Agents.

13 July, 1895.

THE EMPRESS ASSURANCE COR-PORATION, LIMITED.

FIRE AND MARINE. WE Have This Day been appointed Agents and are prepared to Accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongke g, April 28, 1896.

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000. CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000. TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £2,700,000. TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £850,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agent of the above Society in Hongkong, is prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING, Praya Central. 1421

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSUR-

ANCE COMPANY.

(Established A.D. 1824). CAPITAL ....£2,000,000 TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....£2,480,053 NET ANNUAL FIRE PRESIDA...... £767,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to Accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, January 1, 1886.

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW. AMOY AND TAIWANFOO. The Co.'s Steamship Thales, Ports TO-MORROW, the 3rd Instant, at

Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,

General Managers. Hongkong, May 2, 1896.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY, Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN, and GENOA; also VENICE, TRIESTE, rates to PERSIAN GULF

all Mediterranean, Admiatio Levan-TIME and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS, up to Callao. Taking Cargo at through BAGDAD: also BARCELONA, VA-LENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

The Steamship Capt. Di Marco, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th May, at Noon.

At Bounay the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK. For further Particulars regarding Freight | Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th May, at and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, April 27, 1896. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN. The Steamship Nanchana. Capt. Finlayson, will be despatched on MON- FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL. DAY, the 4th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE Agents.

Hongkong, April 29, 1896. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE. The Steamship Captain STOTT, will be INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION despatched on MON- COMPANY, LIMITED.

DAY, the 4th Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 1, 1896. SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND **УОКОНАМА**. The Steamship

Captain Peebles, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, April 25, 1896.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE. The Steamship.

will be despatched as above on TUESDAY above on TUESDAY. the 5th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents. Hongkong, April 27, 1896.

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG. The Co.'s Steamship

Courie,
Captain Parsons, will be despatched as above on the 5th May. For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, April 20, 1896.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

The Steamship Capt. P. Rellie, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, April 28, 1896. AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, (Under Mail Contract with the AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

COLOMBO, BOMBAY. ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CAL-CUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS).

The Co.'s Steamship Maria Valerie,
Capt. A. Fellner, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 6th May. Cargo will not be received on board after 3 p.m. prior to date of sailing. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER & Co.,

Hongkong, April 30, 1896. MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND

Agents.

**УОКОНАМА.** The Steamship Captain Day, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 6th Proxime. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

Hongkong, April 29, 1896,

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office. Hongkong, April 23, 1896. Mails.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY. VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND HONOLULU. PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. The Co,'s Steamship Chingta,
Capt. Innes, will be despatched on WEDNES-

DAY, the 6th May, at 3 p.m. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted through-

Shipping.

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OHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

out with Electric Light. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIKE,

Hongkong, April 27, 1896.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG. (Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers).

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER. DAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship The Steamsmp
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Capt. R. Schüben, will be
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This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, April 29, 1896.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS

The Steamship Radnorshire, Capt. Davies, R.N.R., to Missionaries, members of the Navai, will be despended for Military Diplomatic, and Civil Services. the above Port on or about THURSDAY, 775 the 7th May, instead of as previously

advertisød. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co. Agents. .

Hongkong, April 17, 1896. COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

The Co.'s Steamship Onsang,
Capt. J. Young, will be
despatched as above on MONDAY, the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

General Managers. Hongkong, May 1, 1896.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The 3/3 L.I.I. American Barque Gerard C. Tobey, Capt. SHURTLEFF, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 13, 1896. FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A.I. British Ship Queen Elizabeth, FULTON, Master, will lead here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & Co. Hongkong, February 18, 1896.

Mails.



STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATA VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTIN ENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, FITHE Steamship PEKIN, Captain J. F. Jeruson, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURS DAY, the 7th May, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (This Steamer connects at Bombay with the Steamship ORIENTAL, leaving that port on the 29th MAY, for LONDON

Direct). Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed vid Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested gote the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading. For turther Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

U. S. Mail Line.

PROPOSED SAILINGS PROM HONGKONG.

Peru (via Nagasaki, Sunday, May 3, Kobe, Inland Sea Sunday, mt daylight at daylight. and Yokohama) ... City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki): THURSDAY, May 21, Kobe, Inland Sea, at noon. Yokohama and

Honolulu)...... City of Peking (via ) Nagataki, Kobe, Sunday, June 7, Inland Sea, Yokoat daylight. hama & Honolulu)

(MRE U. S. Mail Steamship PERU will be despatched for SAN FRAN CISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-LAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on SUN-DAY, the 3rd May, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Sceight for Japan, the

United States, and Europe. Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route. Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trams-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on appli-

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANA-DIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate. Passengers holding orders FOR OVER. LAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chi-

cago to destination, the choice of direct Particulars of the various routes can be had on application. Special rates (first class only) are granted Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China

and Japan, and to Government officials and their families. Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico.

Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers. Freight will be received on board until p.m the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packagen should be marked to address in full; value

of asme is required. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San

For further information as to Passage Keating's Powder Kills and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Keating's Powder Kills Company, No. 7, Praya Central. J. S. VAN BUREN,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 29, 1896. Iccidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

PARING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

ATLANTIO & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGRONG. Coptic (via Naga-aki, ) Kobe, Inland Sea, WEDN'DAY, May 13, Yokohama and at noon. Henolulu)..... Gaelic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Seu, SATURDAY, May 30, at noon. Yokohama and Honolulu) .....

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THE NEXT MAIL CONTRACT.

Colombo, April 16. Our Indian contemporaries just now are very earnestly discussing the next mail contract, and some of the views enunciated are rather startling. One of our Madras contemporaries cries out for 16 knots an hour. Nothing less will satisfy him, which shows how little the writer really knows of the subject he is dealing with. We would remind him that whatever the contract speed fixed upon, steamers must travel a little faster in case of accidents by the way, etc., so that a contract speed of 16 knots would mean a steaming speed of nearly 17-stoppages not included ! If the British Government were willing to pay for this, no doubt they could get it—in time. But it would take a long time to become feasible, inus. much as the P. & O. Co. do not possess the requisite number of boats capable of maintaining that speed, or anything like that speed, at the present moment. The Indian mail contract is no doubt a very important matter in the eyes of Indian journalists, but the British Government probably think that the claims of the aelf-governing Colonies in the South are greater, and whatever speed is dixed upon will have to apply to the Australian and China, as well as to the Indian, mail contract. To raise the speed contracted for from 13 knots to 16 all at once is not, of course, practicable or feasible. All that can be done is to increase it say one knot for two years, and another knot or so after that time. This would give space to the Company to make the necessary arrangements. But if greater speed is to be secured, then the subsidy paid to the company will have to be largely increased. We sincerely hope, however, that no notice will be taken of the abanch suggestion put forward in one of the Bombay papers that Brindisi should be abandoned for Marseilles as the European terminus of the mail steamer contract. If we are really to progress we should endeavour to increase the distance traversed by land and by railway, and not decrease it Some years ago it was proposed to make Salonica in Greece the terminus, in order to shorten the time in transit occupied by the mails. Any proposal which would length on the sea journey, and curtail the distance to be traversed by rail, must inevitably increase the time occupied in the transit of mails To alter the port of embarkation from Brindisi to Marseilles, therefore, will only tend to increase the time in transit, and this, we submit, is not to be tolerated for a moment, It is not a question of the advantages of this or that route for passengers-they can go by sea all the way if they wish-it is a question of how the mails can be accelerated in transit between London and the East. Looked at in that light the 'claims' of Marseilles disappear at once. We can quite conceive that it would suit the passenger homeward bound much better to be dropped at Marseilles with a short land journey of some 18 hours before him rather than to be put out with the mails at Brindisi or Salonica, and then have 48 or 50 hours' journey by rail to undergo. But as we said before, the first consideration in this matter is not the passenger but the mails. If the former is in such a harry to get home that he cannot wait while the 14 or 16 knot steamer makes its way home by sea, then he must put up with such accommodation as the mail train affords and the long railway journey offers, It would no doubt suit the Indian Civilian and Military man exceedingly well to be able to get home in-14 days with the minimum of trouble and worry, but their feelings and convenience will most probably have to fit in with the requirements of the Australian colonists. Cos'tan Dock | who, having an extremely long journey to make before they get home, will not grudge a little extra railway journey if, thereby, they are brought by the mails nearer to the mother country. It is very easy, no doubt, to write of 10 or 18 knots, but these high speeds can only be reached in the tropics to the auylum. But don't be too sure. with a certain additional amount of difficulty and at great expense, and the Indian Gopay the piper! By all means let us have an increased speed for our mail service, but let us be reasonable, and let us make up our minds to pay for the luxury. If a speed of 14 knots is contracted for the first two years it would mean a speed of over 15 knots steaming, taking stoppages into account and the necessity for the vessel keeping a little ahead of her time in case of accidents, and this could not be maintained by the P. & O. Company on all their routes for the simple reason that the boats they have are most of them incapable of the speed. To talk of 16 and 18 knots, therefore as the Madras Times does, shows that the subject is not well understood by the writer, who must be one of those who got up a burst of ephemeral excitement the other day over an alleged 'race' between the new P. & O. Caledonia, an 18-knot boat, and the old M. M. steamer Oceanien, a 14-knot steamer, on their journey from Bombay to Marseilles !- Times of

> An old man and his wife were last summer sailing on a steamer between Blackpool and the Isle of Man. As the sea was rather rough and the old woman anacoustomed to sailing she said to her husband; 'Oh, John, this ship is going down?' Well, never mind, said her husband, 'it isn't ours !'-

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WHLE sort of looking man was it you held the convorsation with?' asked the lawyer. . He was one of those solomn faced fellows, said the witness, ganing thought. Diseases, Pimples, and Screen and fully at the ceiling, that you can't size very well-one of those fellows that you dossent offer a bottle of whisky to because you min't by it, " right certain whether be will git insulted ps take it all at one swig!

PIANOS FOR TROPIDAL CLIMATES. The following is taken from the 'Household Column ' of the Straits Times :-

In this 'land of regrets,' the piane is an instrument which more than any inanimate object takes the place of a friend. We can draw out of it many heart-thrilling and patriotic sentiments, making it speak in sweetest tones of dear old England and its associations. It is for these reasons deserving of every care on our part, for, like us, it is an exile in a foreign land. Many precautions have to be taken by the makers before the piano is secured for the climate, and, sometimes, after every consideration has been given effect to, it turns out that the woodwork warps and the instrument has to be sent back. It will be found most satisfactory to purchase the plane locally, although a little more exponsive this way, because your guarantee will be at least for one year, which time is quite sufficient to show whether it is affected by climatic causes. Pianos with wire backs are preforable, but others are now, I think, very seldom brought into the colony. It is not my intention to recommend any special make, but there are few better than a good English-made article, although German instruments are preferred by some. The instrument should be closed when not being used, but, on sunny mornings, for two hours or so, the iveries should be expessed, as the air and light help to keep them from turning vellow. The top should be opened only occasionally, unless when wanted to throw out the sound, but wood rot and dust must be kept out. I used to cover the keys with a strip of flannel, but I fancy the air, being excluded, had a tendency to make the keys yellow, so I would not recommend this. In Camp weather and through the night, the piano should be covered with a blanket. especially the back, which easily admits damp resulting in the rusting of strings and tuning pins, and swelling the cloth. so that the notes are apt to stick, A piane should not be in the direct rays of the ann, which put it out of tune, and may warp the wood; nor should it be placed in a draught where it quickly absorbs the tamp. To prevent moths and other insects from destroying the cloth and felt, campher or napthaline should be enclosed in small flannel or cotton bogs hung inside. If the keys are very yellow, and the ivory is thick enough to stand scraping, this may be done with steel or glass paper, then polished with whiting or chalk, damped in pure methylated spirit; but ivory of late years has been so expensive that few of the newer pianos can stand this treatment, which is the only certain one. Anyone, however, can bleach, that is, clean the keys well and expose them to the sunlight, but glass must be put between the light and the ivories, or the latter will spoil, .. A new piano should be tuned every four months for the first year, but, afterwards, once in every six months will suffice.

HOW DID THE THIEF GET IN?

You wake up some morning and miss your watch, your purse, your best clothes and other valuables. Yet neither you nor any member of your family heard a sound during the night. Neither is there a sign of how the thief got into the house nor by what goad he decamped. You rush round and tell the police, and also decide to keep a dog and a shot gun. You will let thieves know they mustn't come fooling around your premises after this. A sensible procedure. Meanwhile your watch, your money, &c., are

Now suppose I should tell you that the thief who stole your property never entered your house at all; that he was born in it: had lived twenty years in it; never had been out of it till he went off with your things, albeit not a soul of you had ever seen or heard of him. What would you say to me? You would call me an idiot and threaten to have me sent back 'Later on,' says Mr Heakin, 'rheumatism

struck into my system and I had pains all over vernment showed themselves very parsimoni- me. I was confined to my bed for three ous in this respect when the last mail con- months with it and could not dress myseif. In tract was made, and were very unwilling to | this general condition I continued for five years. One after another I was treated by fourteen doctors in that time, but their medicines did me little or no good. At one time I went to the Infirmary at Shrawshary, where they treated me for heart disease; but I got worse and teeling anxious, returned home.

How he was finally cured we will mention in a minute. Eirst, however, about his rheumatism. Every intolligent person knows that rheumatism and gout (its twin brother) is virtually a universal ailment. It does its cruel and body-racking work in every country and climate. No other mulady causes so vast an aggregate of suffering and disability. Whatever will cure it is worth more money in England than a gold mine in every country. But does rheumatism ' strike into ' the system

as a bullet or a knife might strike into it? No. Rhoumatism is a thief who stesle away our comfort and strength; but it is a thief, as I said, who is born on the premises. In other words, it is one-and only one-of the direct consequences of indigestion and dyspepsia. And this is the why and wherefore; Indigestion creates a poison called urio acid; this acid combines with the caloride of sedium to form a salt; this salt is urate of sedium, which is deposited in the form of sharp crystals in the muscles and joints. Then comes inflammation and agony, otherwise rheumatism. Thus you perceive that it doesn't come from the outside but from the insidefrom the stomach. Our friend's cold, caught in the mine, didn't produce his rheumatism, it clogged his skin and so kept all the poison in his body instead of letting part of it out. Here is our very good friend Mr Richard

Heakin, of Pentervin, Salops, who expresses an opinion in this line. Let us have his exact speaks after the manuer of men. You know we of pain in the chest and sides. His eyes and skin were tinted yellow, and his hands and feet were cold and clummy. Frequently he would break out into a cold perspiration, as a man does on receiving a nervous shock caused by something fearful or horrible. He was also troubled with pain at the heart and had spells of difficult broathing—what medical men call

Mr Heakin adds! 'I was cured at last by Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and without it I believe I should have been dead long ago.' Very likely, very likely; for this thief although he may wait long for his opportunity, isn't always satisfied to run away with our comfort and our money :- he often takes life too.

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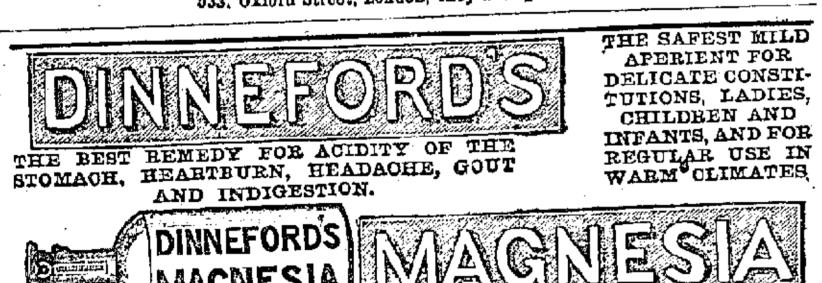
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